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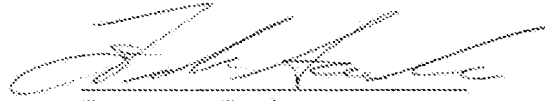
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The claims in the present application are believed to be patentable over the prior art and are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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